

resentencing. This procedure would keep the sentencing judge minimally involved in the treatment program and allow the department to be more...responsibly allocate treatment space to those offenders that are seeking admission to the department's program. Additionally, in another technical change, the amendment clarifies the notification procedure for those who have been sentenced under the preexisting law and have not yet entered treatment. Much of this, colleagues, is the result of a lot of time and effort by many people. All affected believe that not only will the procedure provided in LB 523 work, but we need it in order to avoid the crisis that we could face as...that I talked about earlier. LB 523, with this amendment and the committee amendment, will ensure incarcerated offenders are matched to appropriate interventions and allow the courts to require supervision and aftercare of mentally-disordered offenders upon release of incarceration. Let's not forget, most of these offenders will be released back into our midst and I think we should do what we can to perfect (sic) the...protect the citizens of Nebraska and I believe that LB 523 accomplishes that goal to the greatest extent possible and I would urge, colleagues, that you adopt my amendment to the committee amendments, and then the committee amendments. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Chizek. Is there anyone who wishes to address this amendment to the amendments? Senator Kristensen. Senator Hillman. Senator Wesely. Okay. Senator Chizek, I see no one else wishing to speak on this. Would you like to close?

SENATOR CHIZEK: I'd just ask for adoption of the...my amendment to the committee amendments.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Chizek. We will now vote on the amendment to the committee amendments. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on adoption of Senator Chizek's amendment to the committee amendments.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Amendment is adopted. We'll now recognize senators wishing to speak on the committee amendments. Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Madam President and members of